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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
NEBRASKA

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26 July 1956

SUBJECT: (SECRET) Talent Control System

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D C
ATTN: Major Jack Labors SPO

1. In compliance with your request, following is a brief outline of the methodology to be employed by this Command in establishing the Talent Control System, to include our immediate requirement for clearance authorization.

2. Structure:

a. The Talent Control System will be operated within the Strategic Air Command by the Talent Control Officer under the immediate supervision of the Director of Intelligence. The Director of Intelligence, as the Senior Intelligence Officer of this Command, will be responsible for the security and proper safeguarding of Talent materials received by this headquarters.

b. A Talent Control Officer and assistant, as well as a Talent Security Officer and assistant, have been appointed to perform duties as prescribed by the Talent Control System manual.

3. Control Standards for Talent Classified Material:

a. Procedures for the receipt, control, dissemination and destruction of Talent Control System material will be established in compliance with the basic directive. The Document Control Room utilized for the receipt and review of Talent materials is located within the confines of the restricted area currently provided for the Special Security Office.

4. Special Talent Control Standards for Personnel:

a. Personnel having a must-know requirement for Talent materials will be authorized for clearance on an individual basis as approved by the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Strategic Air Command. The clearance evaluation standards for personnel as prescribed within the Talent Control System manual will be followed.

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5. Organization. Positions currently requiring access to Talent Control System materials within the Strategic Air Command as follows:

a. Command Section:

Commander in Chief
Vice Commander in Chief
Chief of Staff

3

b. Directorates:

(1) Directorate of Operations:

Director of Operations
Deputy

2

(a) Operations and Plans Division

Chief
Operations Planner
Operations Planner

3

(b) Systems Division:

Chief

1

1. Control Branch:

Chief
Chief Clerk

2

2. Operations and Training Section:

Chief
Mission Planning Group - (2 positions)
Illustrator

4

(c) Radar Bombing Branch:

Chief
Analyst

2

(2) Directorate of Intelligence:

Director of Intelligence
Deputy

2

(a) Special Projects:

Talent Control Officer
Asst Talent Control Officer
Talent Security Officer
Asst Talent Security Officer

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(b) Target Materials Division:

Chief
Deputy

2

1. Materials Development Branch:

Intelligence Photo Radar Officer

1

2. Production Programming Branch:

Chief

1

(c) Target Analysis Division:

Chief
Deputy

2

1. Target Research Branch:

Chief
Operations Staff Officer
Air Targets Officer

3

2. Target Systems Branch:

Chief

1

(d) Air Estimates Division:

Chief
Deputy
Secretary

3

1. Air Establishments Branch:

Chief
Intelligence Staff Officer
Intelligence Officer

3

2. Air Defense Systems Branch:

Chief
Deputy
Electronic Countermeasures Officer - (4 positions)
Intelligence Officer - (2 positions)

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3. Technical Intelligence Branch:

Chief
Deputy
Intelligence Officer
Intelligence Technical Officer

(e) Special Security Office:

Chief
Asst
Asst
Administrative - (4 positions)
Crypto - (16 positions)
Intelligence - (3 positions)

(f) 544th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron:

Commander
Chief Special Project Branch
Chief Operations Control
Asst Operations Control
Operations Control - (2 positions)
Unit Project Officer
Unit Project NCO
Cartographic Reproduction Officer
Photo Interpreters - (7 positions)
Cartographic Officer
Cartographers - (3 positions)
Library Chief
Librarian - (2 positions)
Reconnaissance Interpreters - (14 positions)
Reproduction NCO - (2 positions)
Chief Electronic Analysis Branch
Electronic Analysis Officer - (12 positions)

6. The aforementioned positions reflect the immediate personnel requirements for minimum control and exploitation of Talent material received at this headquarters. Subsequent requirements will include additional personnel of this headquarters, with particular reference to the 544th RTS, plus SAC numbered Air Forces, overseas Air Divisions and supporting Reconnaissance Technical Squadrons.

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ROBERT N. SMITH
Colonel USAF
Director of Intelligence

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